

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, the Examiner alleges that Applicants' June 30, 2004 Amendment is not responsive because it fails to point out the support in the specification for the added limitations of the amended claims and for added claims 31-35. Applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion.

As noted in Applicants' previously-filed Amendment, support for the amendments and additional claims can be found in the specification at, for example, page 30, lines 17-20; page 39, line 27 – page 40, line 11; page 53, line 25 – page 54, line 3, and page 54, line 21 – page 55, line 9. Further, support also exists at page 37, lines 8-25.

Applicants agree with the Examiner that there is a typographical error on page 12, line 4 of the June 30, 2004 Amendment. "Claims 35-40" should read –claims 31-40--.

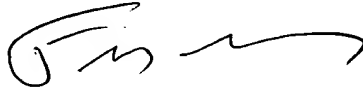
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that claims 16-40 are now in condition for allowance. Early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.36066CX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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